GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA

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HOUSING LOAN FOR ECONOMICALLY WEAKER SECTIONS
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has re-classified the income limits to define various economic groups;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the new classification is likely to help economically weaker sections to get loans for housing;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes interest subsidy for economically weaker sections and Low Income Group (LIG) categories; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION(KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b): The Government has reclassified the income limits for various economic groups to avail loan from Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd. as follows:-

Category	New income ceiling effective from 2006-2007
EWS	Up to RS. 3300
LIG	Rs. 3301-7300
MIG	Rs. 7301-14500
HIG	Rs. 14501 & above

(c)&(d): The new classification of income ceiling will enable Economically Weaker Section/Low Income Group beneficiaries in finding better quality of house as these beneficiaries can avail higher amount of loan due to upwards affordability (repaying capacity) and this will match the rise in prices in construction material/labour.

(e)&(f): The Government is in the process of formulating Interest Subsidy Scheme for Economically Weaker Section/Low Income Group category.